

was given of God through the Apostles and Evangelists, and that Baptism of Infants was ever held not to be forbidden by Holy Scripture and the Apostles, but on the contrary that they were included, of course will be regarded more than what these objectors say.

As to the way the Rev. Mr. Crogan, and the Romanists, have of arguing, we do not care a fig for it. It seems a sophistical attempt of theirs, tried also in regard to the doctrine of the Trinity, and many other points, to dislodge us from the strong ground of Scripture. It is an ingenious, perhaps artful, thing; but we care nothing for it.

We gave you the translation of the Bible. According to the Baptist theory, you are the only and sole visible Church on earth. For only baptized persons are in the visible Church—and you claim to be the only baptized persons, and excommunicate all others (I am only stating, not finding fault). Now, contemplating the whole so-called Christian world, and considering the small proportion of you as yet, and remembering that for the first thousand years at least, *you are here challenged to produce an author or writer, of any kind*, that alludes to a Church organized and constituted on the present “Baptist principles,” there seems great difficulty in accepting your theory. But I put this point: you being the only visible Church of Christ, how comes it to pass that you have not originally given to, or preserved for the world, the Holy Scriptures, to do which certainly is one office of the Church, but have received them, both in the Hebrew and Greek and in translation, originally and *solely*, as I think, from the Pædo-Baptist body, who, according to your